

Reeyot Alemu (f)

Adoption Status: Not Adopted

Country: Ethiopia

Occupation: Ethiopian journalist and teacher

Detained Since: June 2011

Charges: Terrorism charges

Sentence: 14 years in prison, reduced to 5 years in prison



Additional: All of the charges against Reeyot are based on activities related to her work. These include email correspondence with pro-opposition groups, and photographs taken for publication on pro-opposition news sites.

As a journalist, Reeyot has covered issues including poverty, democratic opposition and gender equality. In 2012, she received the International Women's Media Foundation Courage in Journalism Award. While in prison, Reeyot, who was diagnosed with a tumor in her breast, has been denied access to adequate medical care, and threatened with months of solitary confinement as punishment for both alleged misbehavior, (including “stubbornness”) and for threatening to publicize human rights violations by prison guards.

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